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**From:** Parker, Robert [Parker.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/20/2014 5:25:22 PM  
**To:** Wardell, Christopher [Wardell.Christopher@epa.gov]; Mylott, Richard [Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Piggott, Amelia [Piggott.Amelia@epa.gov]; Ketellapper, Victor [Ketellapper.Victor@epa.gov]; Wilder, Scott [Wilder.Scott@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: HHN media re CFAC smelter site

I spoke with Rick of the HHN this morning. I let him know that we'd be releasing our report the week of March 31st and that I'd be happy to send him a copy at that time. He seemed okay with that. He told me that he's not planning on running any stories before then. He seemed interested in making sure he had the correct facts in his story, so I'm optimistic that we'll be in touch and get the correct facts out there.

Let me know if you have any questions regarding our conversation or this path forward.

Thanks,  
Rob

-----Original Message-----

From: Wardell, Christopher  
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 8:59 AM  
To: Parker, Robert; Mylott, Richard  
Cc: Piggott, Amelia; Ketellapper, Victor  
Subject: RE: HHN media re CFAC smelter site

Rob, here is the comm. strat from april. Perhaps it might be best to for you or Rich to reach out to the reporter and speak to him about why we are interested in this site and that the final site reassessment report will be released at the end of march and that he can follow up with you then. I would coordinate that with Rich.

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From: Parker, Robert  
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To: Wardell, Christopher; Mylott, Richard  
Cc: Piggott, Amelia; Wilder, Scott; Ketellapper, Victor  
Subject: FW: HHN media re CFAC smelter site

FYI - Received a voicemail and this email last night from the Editor of the Hungry Horse News. He's interested in our work at Columbia Falls Aluminum. I'd be happy to chat with him, but the question is when would it make sense to? We're not planning to release the final report until the week of March 31, and we wouldn't have a public meeting until mid April. Also, we haven't scheduled yet a time to discuss the site with the State.

I think it may make sense to hold off this discussion with the Hungry Horse News until after the discussion with the state when we'll know more about the various options for the site moving forward and the content of the public meeting. That might make their reporting be on a similar time line as the release of our report, as well. Thoughts on that approach?

Chris - could you send me the comm. strat from last year? I'll update it with the new sampling results info and can send it back to you for comments.

Thanks,  
Rob

-----Original Message-----

From: Rick Hanners [mailto:editor@hungryhorsenews.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 4:48 PM  
To: Parker, Robert  
Subject: HHN media re CFAC smelter site

I learned Monday night, March 17, that the EPA might be releasing a report on its recent investigation of the Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. smelter site sometime at the end of this month. I also learned that the EPA might want to publicize this report and hold a public meeting of some sort about its findings.

The Hungry Horse News has been covering the CFAC plant since it was under construction in 1953 and started operating in 1955. Recently, we ran several articles about the plant's future, and last year we ran stories about the EPA's visit here.

If it's possible, I'd like to talk to you a little about the EPA report and, at the least, have a copy of the report sent to us when it's released, preferably in electronic form.

I should be in the office most of this week. Thanks for the help.

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